

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 51, 52, 55 and 57 are allowed, claims 25, 27-34, 37, 38, 40-42, 44, 46-50, 53, 54 and 56 are rejected, and claims 26, 35, 36, 39, 43 and 45 are objected to. Claims 25, 27-34, 37, 38, 40-42, 44, 46-50, 53, 54 and 56 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 26, 35, 39, 43 and 45 amended. Therefore, claims 26, 35, 36, 39, 43, 45, 51, 52, 55 and 57 are the only claims remaining in this application.

The Examiner's consideration and initialing of Applicants' previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement is very much appreciated. However, it is also respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge Applicants' claim for foreign priority and constructive receipt of the certified copies of the priority document in this national stage application. This can conveniently be done on the Office Action Summary Sheet under Section 12. Confirmation of the priority claim and constructive receipt of the certified copies is respectfully requested.

Claims 25-49 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite. Specifically, claim 25 is objected to as allegedly not reciting structure and components of the claimed "receiver front end." As the Examiner has indicated that claim 26 contains allowable subject matter and claim 26 depends directly from claim 25, Applicants have cancelled claim 25 and amended claim 26 to add the subject matter thereof. In rewriting claim 26, care has been taken to positively recite that the receiver front end comprises at least one multifunction monolithic microwave integrated circuit (MMIC), and it is this circuit which has the characteristics set out in claim 26.

Accordingly, although claim 25 has been cancelled, the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into claim 26 which has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, any future rejection of claim 26 under 35 USC §112 is respectfully traversed.

Similarly, claims 35, 39, 43 and 45 are included within the rejection of claims 25-49 under 35 USC §112 (second paragraph). Each of these claims has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter in the Official Action. As a result, each of these claims has been rewritten in independent form in a manner similar to that of claim 26. Therefore, they are believed to meet the requirements of §112 (second paragraph) and at the same time still retain the recitation of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 35, 39, 43 and 45 are also patentable over the prior art.

Claims 51, 52, 55 and 57 have been allowed. Thus, Applicants have submitted all claims indicated as containing allowable subject matter as either independent claims or claims dependent from independent claims and all otherwise rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, all prior art rejections in the Official Action have been obviated and rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims. Inasmuch as the only remaining claims are either claims which have previously been indicated as allowed or as containing allowable subject matter, it is submitted that remaining claims 26, 35, 36, 39, 43, 45, 51, 52, 55 and 57 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, she is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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